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Director's Meeting

Wednesday, 19 March 1952

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PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Becker, Hedden, [] Col. White

The Director:

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b. Referred to the item in the Log concerning [] and stated that he thought we had agreed to hold back on our operations in this area. Mr. Wisner explained the nature of the operation in question and stated that it was an entirely different approach from previous operations and consistent with our scaled-down activities there. The DCI approved.

Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted the item in the Log concerning Col. Hansen's visit with Mr. [] and, after some discussion, stated that a copy of the article would be sent to us. The Director noted that our only concern was that we not be mentioned in the above article.

b. Noted the cable of 18 March from [] concerning his assignment and stated that [] would discuss this matter with us when he is here.

Mr. Wisner:

a. Noted the item in the Log concerning [] The Director read a copy of the report referred to therein which had been released to Congress and directed that we request in writing that the Committee extract this report in order that it not be made a matter of record. Col. White undertook to do this. *Report has been returned to G-2. It will not be released again without prior approval from CIA.*

b. Stated he would furnish the DCI by tomorrow a full list of candidates for [] job discussed yesterday.

c. Noted he would give the DCI a report on certain atomic energy developments after the meeting.

d. Stated that the Department of State had received a proposed statement by Gen. Ridgway on BW. The Director said he did not want to comment on this, however, now was not the time to "fire our big gun" (statement on BW by the President).

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Mr. Hedden:

a. Reported on a conversation he had with Pat Coyne in connection with security matters. The Director stated that one of our weakest links in the security chain was that of employing psychologically unfit people and something should be done to rectify this situation.

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Mr. Becker reported that at a meeting with State they had requested that we "lay on" some estimates on South America. The DCI approved.



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